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ABSENCE OF U.S. POWS IN NORTH KOREA

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2. HAD NOT HEARD OF OR SEEN AMERICAN KOREAN WARERA PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS) IN NORTH KOREA. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WERE ANY LIVING U.S. POWS IN NORTH KOREA. HE STATED THAT EVEN IF THERE HAD BEEN U.S. PRISONERS AT THE END OF THE KOREAN WAR. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL OR DIFFERENT TREATMENT THAN OTHER PRISONERS. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE HAD SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS SUCH AS "POW," FOR EXAMPLE, AND IF THEY DIED, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN BURIED AS ANY OTHER PRISONER WAS BURIED. THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT WOULD BE NORMAL NORTH KOREAN CULTURAL PRACTICE FOR SOMEONE CONSIDERED TO BE AT THE SOCIAL LEVEL OF A PRISONER.

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